

NATIONAL COMMISSION ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

117h
~~Tenth~~ Meeting
April 19, 1973

Minutes

Members present: Aines, Becker, Dunlap, Lerner, Lorenz (for Mumford),
Moore (Vice Chairman), Scott, Velde and Zipf

Staff present : Dixon, Reszetar, Stevens, Swartz and Ulrich

Also present : Miss Charlotte Bowman

The Vice Chairman opened the meeting with the approval of the agenda and deferred consideration of the minutes.

The morning was spent in hearing testimony from three groups: The National Center for Educational Statistics represented by Mrs. Dorothy Gilford, Director, and Dr. Frank Schick, Library Services Branch; the Information Industry Association represented by Dr. Eugene Garfield, Chairman of the Board, and Dr. Paul Zurkowski, President and Executive Director; and the National Federation of Abstracting and Indexing Services represented by Mr. Joel J. Lloyd, President, and Miss Stella Keenan, Executive Director. The essence of these presentations was included in the written material mailed to the Commission members prior to this meeting.

Reports from Commission committees took up the first part of the afternoon.

National Policy Committee

Mr. Becker reported that the committee's policy statement was now in its second draft and would be presented to the entire Commission at its May meeting. By that time all Committee members will have had an opportunity to respond to the draft.

Library of Congress Committee

Dr. Dunlap reported that the committee has finished its discussions with various groups from the Library of Congress. He presented to the full Commission the final draft of the committee's recommendations.

After some discussion it was agreed that a revised paper, without estimated costs, should be submitted for final approval at the May meeting. It was agreed that this report should include the cost-benefit features of the recommendations and suggestions regarding next actions in support of the recommendations.

Information Needs of Users Conference

It was reported that all invitations to the experts on information needs of various subgroups had been accepted and a list of invitees was distributed to the Commission. The conference, scheduled for May 24-26, 1973, at the Phipps Center of the University of Denver, intends to identify the following for each user subgroup:

- A. Characteristics of Group and Description of Library/Information Needs.
- B. Rationale for Serving Group.
- C. Limitations and Inadequacies of Current Services.
- D. Statement of Desirable Service Objectives.
- E. Suggestions for Reaching these Objectives.

Progress Reports on other activities included:

NCLIS Finances

It was reported that the FY 1973 continuing resolution was approved by the President and that we have the full amount of \$406,000. Mr. Stevens reported a favorable hearing before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Education and Labor in regard to the FY 1974 budget request, also \$406,000.

FY 1972 Contract Reports

Public Administration Service's report on public library finances is due in NCLIS' offices by May 1. The Association of Research Libraries report on centralized and regionalized interlibrary loan centers has been received and distributed to the Commission by mail. Discussion then focused on the publication of the Parker paper on information and society. It was moved by Mr. Zipf and seconded by Mr. Aines that all papers and reports be received and forwarded to ERIC/CLIS and to NTIS with the following disclaimer: "This work has been developed under contract (listing contract number) with the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science. However, the content does not necessarily reflect the position or policy of that agency and no official endorsement of these materials should be inferred." The motion carried. This will be the disposition of the Parker paper. Any additional publication channels beyond ERIC/CLIS and NTIS for each document will be discussed as each document is presented.

Request for Proposals in Preparation

The following requests for proposals were presented for discussion and approval:

Continuing Education
Micro-Materials
Resource Centers
Bibliographic Centers
Local Cooperative Information Distribution
Alternatives for Funding Public Libraries

It was suggested that the proposals on resource and bibliographic centers be combined into one proposal. Incorporating this suggestion, Mr. Velde moved that the five requests for proposals be approved and put into the mail. Motion was seconded by Mr. Zipf and the motion carried.

Congressional Contacts

Mr. Stevens reported that Dr. Burkhardt and he had made Congressional contacts with the following: Senator Magnuson (Washington), Representative Flood (Pennsylvania), Representative Brademas (Indiana), and Representative Green (Oregon).

Hearings

It was reported that Mrs. Dorothy Schwenz, a consultant for the Commission, is doing a synthesis of the material presented in the Chicago, San Francisco, and Atlanta hearings. This report will be submitted to the Adequacies and Deficiencies Committee prior to the May meeting of the Commission.

The compilation of the Chicago hearing, entitled "In Our Opinion," published by the Illinois State Library was shown to the Commission. It was suggested that letters of thanks go to Illinois Secretary of State Howlett and Illinois State Library Director Trezza.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.